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Auf Ihre telegraphische Anfrage wird folgendes erwidert:
Die Ihnen zugegangenen Nachrichten ueber angebliche Uebergriffe gegen amerikanische Geschaeftsinteressen und sonstige Ausschreitungen entbehren jeder Begruendung Hiesiges Geschaeftsleben Reiseverkehr Handelsaustausch verlaufen seit Antritt der Nationalen Regierung absolut normal Klagen ueber Beeintraechtigung amerikanischer Interessen sind von hiesiger amerikanischer Handelskammer die am zehnten Botschafter Sackett grosses Abschiedsbankett gab nicht gemeldet worden Meldungen ueber hier bestehenden Belagerungszustand und Nachrichtenzensur sind frei erfunden Notverordnung wonach Brief und Telegramm Verkehr ueberwacht werden koennen ist gegen kommunistischer Umtriebe verdaechtige Personen gerichtet Nationale Revolution deren Ziel darin besteht Deutschland von schwerer kommunistischer Gefahr zu befreien und Verwaltung von minderwertigen Elementen zu saeubern hat sich mit bemerkenswerter Ordnung vollzogen Reichsregierung sind von hiesiger Amerikanischer Botschaft weniger als ein Dutzend Faelle von Uebergriffen gegen Amerikaner gemeldet worden die durchweg leichter Natur sind und bei denen keineswegs feststeht dass National Sozialisten Taeter waren/In Amerika zierkulierende hier mit Entruestung vernommene Nachrichten ueber angebliche Tortur politischer Gefangener und Misshandlung von Juden verdienen staerkste Zurueckweisung Hunderttausende von Juden gleichgiltig welcher Staatsangehoerigkeit die sich politisch nicht betaetigt haben leben hier voellig unbehelligt Betrieb in zahlreichen juedischen Geschaeften und grossen juedischen Verlagshaeusern wie Mosse Ullstein Frankfurter Zeitung voellig normal Synagogen und juedische Friedhoefe ungestoert Gewiss sind einige beklagenswerte Uebergriffe vorgekommen aber seit der Erklaerung des Kanzlers vom 12. Maerz dass ungesetzliche Einzelaktionen zu unterbleiben haben & schaerfstens geahndet werden ist nichts mehr passiert Die in Amerika verbreiteten gegenteiligen Nachrichten zu denen auch angeblich fuer Nacht vierten Maerz geplant gewesene Bartholomaeusnacht gehoert stammen offenbar aus Quellen die s tarkes Interesse haben die freundschaftlichen Beziehungen zwischen Deutschland und Amerika zuvergiften und die Nationale Regierung obwohl sie sich auf Mehrheit deutschen Volkes stuetzt beim amerikanischen Volke systematisch zu diskreditieren

VIZEKANZLER VON PAPEN

RECEIVED BY THE
BOARD OF TRADE
FOR GERMAN AMERICAN COMMERCE
230 Fifth Ave.
New York City
on March 27th, 1933.

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this is a true copy of the original
Wilbur K. Thomas.

December 3, 1945

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TRANSLATION

COPY

of Radiogram from Vice Chancellor von Papen to Board of Trade for German-American Commerce, 230 Fifth Avenue, New York.

March 27, 1933.

To your telegraphic inquiry the following reply is sent: The reports circulating about alleged encroachments against American business interests and other excesses are absolutely unfounded. Business, life, traffic and commerce are normal since the National Government is in power. Complaints about wrongs against American interests were not reported by the local American Chamber of Commerce which gave on the 10th a big farewell dinner to ambassador Sackett. Reports about the existing state of siege and censorship of news are imagined. The degree for censorship for letters and telegrams was instituted against communistic activity of suspected persons. The goal of the National revolution to free Germany from the threaded communistic danger and administration or inferior elements has been accomplished with remarkable order. The American Embassy reported less than a dozen cases of excesses against Americans to the Reichs-Government, which all were of a light nature. It could not be determined whether these were committed by National Socialists. The reports circulating in America about alleged torture of political prisoners and mistreatment of Jews are received here with indignation and are rejected by us without foundation. Hundred thousand Jews - no matter what their nationality - live here unmolested if they were not active politically. Business in numerous Jewish business places and in big Jewish publication houses, as Mosse, Ullstein, Frankfurter Zeitung, etc. is entirely normal. Synagogues and Jewish cemeteries were not disturbed. Certainly some regrettable incidents occurred, but since the declaration of the chancellor on March 12 that unlawful single actions should be stopped as otherwise they would be strongly resented, nothing has happened anymore. The opposite reports circulating in America to which also the alleged Bartholemews night planned for the night of March 4th belongs originate undoubtedly from sources with strong interests to poison the friendly relations between Germany and America and the National Government and discredit us with the American people systematically although we are supported by the majority of the German people.

(signature) Vice Chancellor von Papen

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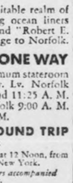

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He Likens Reports of Cruelty to Jews to Propaganda During World War.

VON PAPEN ALSO CABLES

German Vice Chancellor Calls Stories of Attacks Effort to Weaken Amity of Nations.

Former Crown Prince Frederich Wilhelm of Germany, in a cablegram made public here yesterday afternoon, likened the reports of German cruelty to Jews under the Hitler regime to the anti-German propaganda carried on in America before the United States entered the World War. He appealed to Americans who were familiar with the baselessness of the reports of atrocities during the World War to reject the present reports.

His cablegram was addressed to George Sylvester Viereck, author, and friend of the former Crown Prince, who made the message public. Its publication followed by a few hours the release of a message, similar in purpose, from Franz von Papen, German Vice Chancellor, addressed to the Board of Trade for German-American Commerce.

Von Papen's message was in response to a message sent from here by the Board of Trade on March 17, advising the German Government that the good-will of the American people was being jeopardized. The reply, which took an official tone, said that the reports were being circulated by those seeking to destroy German-American amity.

Meanwhile, yesterday afternoon, the New York Preachers' Meeting of the Methodist Episcopal Church went on record at a meeting here as protesting against the "current unjust and cruel treatment of the Jews in Germany."

Other protests also were made known, and Jo. George Fredman, Commander-in-Chief of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, announced that he had an appointment with President Roosevelt for Thursday morning to discuss the situation.

Text of Prince's Message.

The message from the former Crown Prince read:

Your letter about the similarity between the tales of cruelty in Germany recently spread in foreign countries and the anti-German propaganda before America entered the war is unfortunately only too true. I am, however, unable to comprehend how the public in other countries after having been able to convince themselves a few years ago how very much they were deceived with regard to Germany during the World War can once more fall victims to such a blind mental attitude.

Every one who knows Germany, the German character and the culture of the German people must feel at once that the news spread at present about the putting out of eyes, the mutilation of corpses, the searing of parts of the body, &c., must be just as mendacious as the war-time tales of horror about the mutilation of Belgian children, the crucified Canadian and the factories in which corpses were to be converted into soap.

And yet there are, perhaps, people among the larger public unfamiliar with Germany who are victimized by this propanganda of lies. If men who had personal experience during the World War would contribute from their own experience to enlightening the American public about the truth they would be performing a service not only to the German nation, whose honor these evil-minded reports are intended to tarnish, but also to the whole world and to the friendly atmosphere between the nations which is poisoned by these mischief-makers.

In saying this I am not acting as the representative of an official point of view, or of that of any German political party, but I know that these views are shared by practically the whole of the German people. Even Jewish organizations, of which I will only mention the Association of National German Jews, and the Central Association of German Citizens of Jewish Faith which latter alone has more than 500,000 members, have expressed their opinion that the campaign of lies and incitement conducted abroad against the national Germany is irresponsible and worthy of the severest condemnation, and also certainly not suited to serve any good purpose.

Appeals to Cultured Classes.

The German Chancellor also expressly stated in the speech which he made on the 25th instant that no one in Germany had to suffer injustice on account of his religion. We in Germany, like you in the United States, are endeavoring to escape from the misery in which the Western World has been sunk during the post-war years, and to return to a fresh state of prosperity, peace and renewed strength. Every people does this in its own way and on its own terms. It is not fair to strew the path of others with lies and calumnies.

We have learned only too clearly what that must lead to. As the result of the World War and its spirit of incitement I can only wish that the cultured classes in America, conscious of their responsibilities, will not refuse to accept this view, and that they like you will use their efforts in the cause of truth and fair play in the relations between our nations.

Von Papen's message was as follows:

News which has reached you of alleged encroachments against American business interests and of other excesses is entirely without foundation. Business life, travel and commercial intercourse have been proceeding absolutely normal since the national government has taken office. No complaints about interference with American interests have been reported by the American Chamber of Commerce in Berlin which on March 10 gave Ambassador Sackett a great farewell banquet.

"State of Siege" Denied.

Reports that a state of siege and news censorship exist are free inventions. The emergency decree under which mail and telegraphic communications can be supervised is directed against persons suspected of communistic plots. The national revolution, the goal of which it is to free Germany from serious communistic danger and remove from the administration all inferior elements, has been accomplished with remarkable order.

The American Embassy has reported to the Reich Government less than a dozen cases of excesses against Americans, all of which are of a light nature and which in no reasons have been established as having been committed by National Socialists. Reports circulated in America and received here with indignation about alleged torturing of political prisoners and mistreatment of Jews deserve strongest repudiation.

Hundreds of thousands of Jews irrespective of nationality, who have not taken part in political activities, are living here entirely unmolested. Operations of large Jewish enterprises and big Jewish publishing houses, such as Mosse, Ullstein and Frankfurter Zeitung, are absolutely normal. Synagogues and Jewish cemeteries are undisturbed.

Undoubtedly there have been a few regrettable excesses. However, since the declaration of the Chancellor on 21 rels [illegible] sale and by individuals have to stop and will be most severely dealt with, nothing more has happened. News to the contrary which is circulated in America, including a story of an alleged St. Bartholomew night, said to have been planned for the night of March 4, clearly emanates from sources strongly interested in poisoning the friendly relations between Germany and America, and systematically discrediting with the American people the national government, although it is based on a majority of the German people.

The telegram, sent from the Foreign Office in Berlin to the trade board here at 280 Fifth Avenue was made public by Albert Dugener, secretary-treasurer of the board. The board's inquiry of the German Government was decided upon at a meeting of the executive committee of the board, which is organized to further German-American trade relations and to safeguard the connections re-established between the two countries during the last fifteen years.

Dr. Butler Receives Cables.

In a cablegram yesterday to Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Dr. K. O. Berling, director of the Amerika Institute in Berlin, which is closely connected with the University of Berlin and has for years been supported in part by the German Government, said:

"Shocked at gross misinterpretation of recent German events. Save for a few molestations by individual toughs, no harm done to Jews. Latter continue undisturbed in business and office. No leading Jewish papers suppressed. Government has population well in hand. Strict discipline is maintained. Present movement is against bolshevism, not against Judaism."

Another cablegram received by Dr. Butler, from Dr. Ernst Jaeckh, president of the Deutsche Hochschule für Politik and of the Deutsche Liga für Völkerbunde, said:

"Newspapers report your demonstration against event in Germany. Friendly assurance that the sensational news is false and Vice Chancellor von Papen's declaration on behalf of the German Government to the German-American Chamber of Commerce is completely accurate."

Dr. Bertling holds a graduate degree from Harvard. Dr. Jaeckh is author of "The New Germany," a book which has been widely read in this country.

Mr. Freedman, in his statement announcing his appointment with the President, said that his organization would continue to agitate for an economic boycott of Germany. The same stand was taken by Dr. Johan Schnerrtenko, former member of the faculty of Hunter College, at a meeting of 300 Hunter College students yesterday afternoon. He said that it was the only way of combating the Hitler policies. The meeting was held under the auspices of six religious clubs of Hunter College.

The New York Methodist preachers' meeting was held at the headquarters of the Methodist Church here, 150 Fifth Avenue, and the action was taken after the ministers had heard an address by Morten M. Berman, an associate rabbi of the Free Synagogue.

The resolution adopted was as follows:

In view of the reports carried by the press and the statement of Secretary Cordell Hull in this morning's papers, we believe that organized persecution and discrimination against the Jews is an actuality in Germany.

Facing these conditions, we, the New York preachers' meeting, desire first of all to call our people, and Christians generally, to repentance for that treatment of Germany since the war which began with the making of a peace based upon the false assertion that Germany alone was responsible for the war, as stated in the Treaty of Versailles, which has continued upon that false basis, and has required as the attitude of national despair which has led to Adolf Hitler, as interpreted, to power.

We desire also to join strongly with the Christian and German-Americans in protest against the current unjust and cruel treatment of the Jews in Germany.

Rabbi Berman spoke in place of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, who was unable to attend. He said that Dr. Wise had been in almost constant conference for the past forty-eight hours and that he was waiting in the single forty-eight hours and that he was waiting in the single forty-eight hours and that he was waiting in the single

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